

5TH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A, 25TH & 26TH MARCH, 2023

The Cycle of Prayer

Lent

During Lent we are asked to pray for these intentions: **Candidates for the Sacraments; Women; The Needy and Hungry of the World; Penitents and Wanderers.**

LENT 2023

Tuesday 28 March - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm

Wednesday 29 March - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am

Thursday 30 March - Stations of the Cross: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 6.30pm

Tuesday 4 April - Stations of the Cross: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.00pm

Wednesday 5 April - Lent Study Group: Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton, 10.00am

Thursday 6 April - Mass of the Lord's Supper: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 7.30pm

Friday 7 April - Celebration of the Passion of the Lord: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 3.00pm

Saturday 8 April - Easter Vigil: St Edward's Church, Whitley Bay, 8.00pm

HOLY COMMUNION UNDER BOTH SPECIES

The Bishops of England and Wales have decided that, given where we are with Covid and that most people are protected with vaccinations, permission is given for Holy Communion under both species (Host and Chalice) to be restored from this Maundy Thursday's Mass of the Lord's Supper. As we know, our Catholic faith professes that when we receive Holy Communion in the Sacred Host and/or the Chalice, we receive the totality of the Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity of Our Lord, and that we always show reverence and adoration towards the Blessed Sacrament. The Bishops have left the decision to reintroduce Holy Communion under both species and its timing with each parish priest. I'm grateful to the Parish Pastoral Council for our recent discussion, in which concern was expressed for our Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who would distribute the Chalice, and for parishioners receiving from the Chalice, and the possible risk of infection, including when ministers consume the remains of the Precious Blood after Holy Communion. I have decided that Holy Communion will continue to be distributed under one species only, the Sacred Host. The situation will be reviewed towards the Feast of Corpus Christi in June. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me or a member of the Parish Pastoral Council. Many thanks.
Mgr. Andrew Faley.

LENT STUDY SESSIONS — IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH

During Lent there will be study sessions each Wednesday, at Immaculate Heart Church in the Upper Meeting Room after the 9.30 Mass. These will be based on 'The Return of the Prodigal Son - A Story of Homecoming' by Henri J. M. Nouwen. We are using Rembrandt's painting of The Prodigal Son as a focal point and which inspired the book. All are welcome, including those from other churches in the area.

NARTHEX ENTRANCE AT ST EDWARD'S CHURCH

The installation of the new toilets in the Narthex at St Edward's Church is delayed until after Easter. Further details will follow when a new start date is known.

ST THOMAS MORE ACADEMY STUDENTS AT MASS

Welcome to Year 9 students who will now join us for Mass at St Edward's Church on Thursday 30 March.

ST EDWARD'S CHURCH — REFRESHMENTS

There will be no refreshments for parishioners following Mass at St Edward's on Thursday 30th March due to the visit of students from St Thomas More school.

PARISH LUNCHEON CLUB

The next Luncheon Club is on **Thursday 30 March** at the usual time of 12.00pm. Please book in advance by contacting Chris on 07984 963769 or Deirdre on 07963 570901.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS — THURSDAY 30 MARCH

On 30 March, Stations of the Cross in Immaculate Heart Church will be at the earlier time of 6.30pm.

FIRST RECONCILIATION & HOLY COMMUNION 2023

We have 31 children registered to take part in this year's programme. The first Parents' Information session will be held on **Thursday 30 March from 7.15pm - 8.30pm at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church, West Monkseaton**. We look forward to meeting everyone and sharing how we can work together to prepare the children. The first children's preparation session will be on Monday 17 April from 5.00pm - 6.15pm, also in Immaculate Heart of Mary Church. Times, dates and details of further sessions will be published in the bulletin.

PALM SUNDAY COLLECTION — HOLY PLACES

A second collection will be taken on Palm Sunday, 2 April, for the Catholic Community in the Holy Land.

IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH — FOOD BANK

Thank you to everyone who is able to support the Food Bank. We are always grateful for the generosity you show. The Bank currently needs savoury snacks-crisps etc., microwave rice, tinned pasta/spaghetti/macaroni & coffee. Please bring donations to Immaculate Heart Church, West Monkseaton, on Mondays, 10.00am - 12.00noon. Thank you once again. Immaculate Heart Church is also open between 10.00am and 12.00 Noon every Monday for private prayer.

NEW PARISH CARETAKER/CLEANER

A warm welcome to our new caretaker/cleaner who started at St Edward's and Immaculate Heart Churches a few weeks ago. His name is Paul Malcolm and you may see him working in either church. If you do, please say hello and make yourself known to him. However if you have any health & safety or cleaning concerns, please contact the Parish Secretary in the first instance.

WALKING GROUP

The next walk will be on Thursday 6 April. Please meet at Immaculate Heart at 9.30 am. We will travel to Great Lumley and walk along the Lumley Park Burn, River Wear passing Lumley Castle and the Duck Hospital. If you require more information please contact Peter Weighill on 0191 2512917.

MASS INTENTIONS – BROWN ENVELOPES

If you want a Mass said for an intention, please fill out the brown envelope provided at the back of the church and deposit in the collection basket during Mass. If you would like a specific date, please ensure you book well in advance. Thank you.

MILL HILL MISSIONARIES RED BOX APPEAL

The Spring edition of Mission Today is now available in both churches. We would be grateful if supporters wishing to make donations for the March Quarter would please contact Margaret Graham (Immaculate Heart) on 2529569 or Bill Crumbley (St. Edward's) on 07889 969639. The January deposit was £164.00; thank you to all who donated.

OTHER NOTICES

BISHOP BYRNE'S RESIGNATION - INVESTIGATION

An investigation into the resignation of Bishop Robert Byrne has been commissioned by the Holy See's Dicastery for Bishops. A survey has been issued to be completed by parishioners. This is an anonymous survey, and all answers are provided in complete confidence. The survey will run until 27 March 2023 and is available on Google Forms at <https://forms.gle/wevQ6zrj1t8SCxNq5>. Please complete the survey only once.

THE NEWMAN ASSOCIATION

Newman Tyneside Circle invites you to come and hear Isobel Vaughan-Spruce (Leader of March for Life) at St Cuthbert's Church Hall, Albion Road West, North Shields, on Wednesday 29 March, at 7.30pm.

NORTH EAST CATHOLIC HISTORY SOCIETY

There will be a lecture by Dr Liam Temple entitled 'A Missionary Centre for the North. The Capuchin Mission in Thirsk 1923-1960' on Wednesday 5 April at 2.00pm at St Joseph's Centre in Gateshead. All are welcome, non members £1.00. Refreshments available.

TYNEMOUTH PRIORY PARTNERSHIP — ANNUAL AMPLEFORTH RETREAT

Our annual retreat to Ampleforth Abbey this year is from Monday 24 July to Wednesday 26 July, and will be led by one of the monks from the Abbey. The total price, which includes full board and transport, is likely to be about £215 but the exact amount will depend on final numbers. All rooms in The Grange are now en-suite. A deposit of £75 will be needed by Easter Sunday, 9 April, in order to confirm your booking. Please contact Pauline Keavey (Our Lady Star of the Sea Parish) on 2521790 if you would like to come or for more details. If you would like more information about the Abbey, the website address is www.ampleforthabbey.org.uk

HELP THE DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES 2023

Can you help the Diocesan Pilgrimage to Lourdes? We need nurses, healthcare assistants, doctors and volunteers to provide care to the assisted pilgrims who travel with us. Previous helpers have found it is a rewarding and spiritually uplifting week. We plan to travel on Friday 28 July. If you would like more information please visit www.hexhamandnewcastlelourdespilgrimage.co.uk or email lourdes@rcdhn.org.uk

Contact email addresses, numbers and website:

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A comprehensive Parish Directory is held in the Parish Office. The directory contains names and contact numbers for those responsible for various groups and activities in our Parish. Telephone the number below if you have an enquiry.

Current Parish Office opening hours: Wednesday & Thursday, 9.15am - 4pm and Friday 9.15am - 2pm, Immaculate Heart of Mary Church.
For bulletin entries please contact the Parish Secretary - email parishofficeolss@btconnect.com or telephone 0191 2527066.
Items for inclusion in the bulletin should be received by 3.00pm on Wednesday.

MASSES & OTHER SERVICES	
DAY & DATE	CHURCH
Saturday 25th March SOLEMNITY OF THE ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am His Holiness Pope Benedict XVI (RB) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm Bridget Thompson (M & CMcA)
Sunday 26th March 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish
Monday 27th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am John Steele (RR)
Tuesday 28th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Norman Judge (MS)
Wednesday 29th March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Maureen & Derrick Pincham (K&RY)
Thursday 30th March	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am The Norbertine Community, Peckham (RB)
Friday 31st March	IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 9.30am Michael Wilson (MS)
Saturday 1st April	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 9.30am Geri & Peter St Julien (GSJ) IMMACULATE HEART CHURCH 6.00pm George Miller (AM)
Sunday 2nd April PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD	ST EDWARD'S CHURCH 10.00am People of the Parish

Please remember in your prayers: Ann Stroud, Win Foley, Eileen Scott, Don Williams, Ron Lowes, Eddie Meenaghan, Eileen Whalen, Joan Waugh, Ellen Gray & Gilbert Rowell who are sick. Please pray for those whose anniversaries occur at this time and those who have died recently, especially Pauline Donoghue, Pete Scott, Angela Mary Gray & Raymond (Ray) Taylor & Colleen Lambe. May they rest in peace. Amen.

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, his only son, our lord,
(at the words that follow, all bow.)
*who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.*
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and life everlasting.
Amen.

CAFOD LENT PRAYER 2023

Plant in us, Lord,
seeds of solidarity,
so that, rejoicing in your gifts,
we may cherish your presence
in each other and all creation.

Root us, Lord,
in compassion and justice.
Pour your Spirit down like gentle rain,
softening our hearts,
washing away division and selfishness.

Cultivate in us, Lord,
attentiveness to your call.
Give us hope to dream of a better world
and strength to play our part
to make it a reality.

Grow in us, Lord,
your ways of peace and courage,
so that in this time of Lent,
we may bear witness to your love,
revealed to us in Jesus. Amen.

HOSPITAL CHAPLAINS

North Tyneside General Hospital & Northumbria Specialist Emergency Care Hospital, Cramlington: Contact The Chaplaincy on 0191 2934268 or Father Sebastian on 01670 712476

RVI, Freeman and Walkergate Hospitals: Contact Fr Arockia Mariadass Pagyasamy OCD, on 0191 2733903.

Newcastle General Hospital: Sister Teresa, 0191 2336161 ext. 28465.

PRIESTS' TELEPHONE NUMBERS

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First Reading

Ezekiel 37:12-14

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 129(130)

We say the Psalm together

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| 1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. | 2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. |
| 3. My soul is waiting for the Lord.
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) | 4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. |

Second Reading

Romans 8:8-11

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

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Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you O Christ, King of eternal glory. I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will never die. Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

John 11:1-45

There was a man named Lazarus who lived in the village of Bethany with the two sisters, Mary and Martha, and he was ill. It was the same Mary, the sister of the sick man Lazarus, who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair. The sisters sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' The disciples said, 'Rabbi, it is not long since the Jews wanted to stone you; are you going back again?' Jesus replied: 'Are there not twelve hours in the day? A man can walk in the daytime without stumbling because he has the light of this world to see by; but if he walks at night he stumbles, because there is no light to guide him.' He said that and then added, 'Our friend Lazarus is resting, I am going to wake him.' The disciples said to him, 'Lord, if he is able to rest he is sure to get better.' The phrase Jesus used referred to the death of Lazarus, but they thought that by 'rest' he meant 'sleep', so Jesus put it plainly, 'Lazarus is dead; and for your sake I am glad I was not there because now you will believe. But let us go to him.' Then Thomas – known as the Twin – said to the other disciples, 'Let us go too, and die with him.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. Bethany is only about two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to sympathise with them over their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.** *(The remainder of the Gospel will be proclaimed during Mass.)*